PRESS RELEASE

Downtown Time Zone Enforcement Begins

HOLLISTER, CALIFORNIA – *September 1, 2009* – After a five-year hiatus, downtown time zone parking enforcement begins today. Following direction given by the City Council, the police department has purchased and equipped a right-hand drive Jeep Wrangler, and has hired a temporary Community Services Officer (CSO) to perform parking enforcement duties while the department processes applications for the CSO position.

Along with San Benito Street, most of the downtown streets, which include Third Street to South Street, are posted for limited time parking. Several parking lots owned by the city also are also posted with limited hours.

The Hollister Police Department last provided downtown time zone enforcement in 2004. Following a reduction in force, downtown parking enforcement efforts were discontinued. Earlier this year the Hollister Downtown Association and individual merchants asked the council to reinstate time zone enforcement. To help employees of businesses and customers acclimate to the new enforcement effort, there will be a brief period when warnings for overtime parking will be given. However, individual motorists should not expect repeated warnings during this grace period.

Only overtime parking will be subject to the grace period. As enforcement for other prohibited parking, such as in a red zone, handicapped space or next to a fire hydrant was not discontinued, vehicles found in violation of ordinances other than overtime parking will be subject to citation.

The Hollister Police Department would like to remind all employees and visitors of the downtown area that there is no time limit for parking at the Briggs Building parking structure, located on Fourth Street between San Benito and Monterey Streets.

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